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SUBJ: IZVESTIYA ON FINLAND'S EEC AGREEMENT

REF: HELSINKI 2877

1. THE NOVEMBER 13 IZVESTIYA ARTICLE, CLAIMING "GROWING DISAGREEMENT IN MANY OF FINLAND'S POLITICAL PARTIES ABOUT FINLAND'S COOPERATION WITH THE EEC," HAS CAUSED NO STIR IN HELSINKI.

2. THIS LACK OF REACTION IS PERHAPS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE ARTICLE IS MORE LIKE STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTING THAN EDITORIAL COMMENT OR CONDEMNATION. THAT THE ARTICLE IS CREDITED TO THE "IZVESTIYA NEWS SERVICE," INSTEAD OF A SPECIFIC CORRESPONDENT OR WRITER, MAY ALSO MAKE IT SEEM LESS SIGNIFICANT TO THE FINNS.

3. SINCE IZVESTIYA QUOTES NOT ONLY SEVERAL OF FINLAND'S MAJOR NON-COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS, BUT ALSO THE COMMUNIST KANSAN UUTISET, THE STALINIST TIEDONANTAJA, AS WELL AS STALINIST LEADER SINISALO AND OTHER "DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS," AND STILL FAILS TO COME UP WITH ANY-
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THING MORE DAMNING THAN SAYING THAT SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS

"EMPHASIZE THAT THE EEC AGREEMENT CREATES THE DANGER OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY BECOMING SUBORDINATED TO THE INTERESTS OF BIG INTERNATIONAL MONOPOLIES," IS LIKELY TO BE RATHER REASSURING TO THE FINNS -- WHO NORMALLY SCRUTINIZE ANY SOVIET ARTICLE CONCERNING THEM FOR ANY INDICATION OF SERIOUS SOVIET DISPLEASURE OR CONCERN.
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